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LEUPP MAN CONVICTED OF SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR

PHOENIX- Jerry James George, 71, of Leupp, Arizona, was found guilty of three counts of Aggravated Sexual Abuse of a Minor and one count of Abusive Sexual Contact of a Minor by a federal jury in Phoenix. The case was tried before United States District Court Judge Mary H. Murguia on November 28, 2006. The defendant is being held after trial. Sentencing is set before Judge Murguia on March 12, 2007.

The evidence at trial showed that the defendant, then 70, took an eight year old girl in his truck to a remote area near his home in Leupp, Arizona, on the Navajo Indian Reservation. He sexually assaulted her and then returned her to her grandmother's home. She told her mother when she was picked up, and a police report was made. The medical testimony indicated that she had physical injuries and the defendant's DNA was found on her body.

A conviction for Aggravated Sexual Abuse of a Minor carries a maximum penalty of life in prison, a \$ 250,000 fine or both. In determining an actual sentence, Judge Murguia will consult the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines, which provide appropriate sentencing ranges. The judge, however, is not bound by those guidelines in determining a sentence.

The investigation leading to the guilty verdict was conducted by the Navajo Department of Law Enforcement and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The prosecution was handled by Dyanne C. Greer, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona.

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